

BASEBALL SQUAD IS HARD AT WORK

Baserunning, Sliding and Hitting Features Insisted On by Rigler.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—The first game of the season against Jefferson School two weeks from today, Virginia baseball squad is hard at work daily. The features of the practice this week have been the hitting and sliding. Many long drives have been sent to the outfield, though, of course, nothing but straight balls have been thrown over the plate. Coach Rigler is anxious for the men to make a good showing with the stick. He is also devoting much time to base running and sliding. His theory is that a college team which can hit and is fast on bases will win most of the games it plays, because the average college team can play well in the field, but is weak in other departments of the game. Consequently all the practice so far has been in hitting, running and sliding.

The fielding in the two practice games played this week, though somewhat loose, would show being frequent, was very good, considering that these were the first fielding practices. In the outfield the fielding was exceptional. Hume, Douglas, Neft and Tunstall making several pretty running catches of flies and long drives. Serkeley was tried out at third, and showed up fairly well in his new position. Douglas was moved over to short, and handled the grounders exceptionally well. He throws to first being good. McGuire played second and Lile held down first base in splendid style.

On the second team, Hewitt showed up well at third, he being an exceptionally clever player. Harry Spratt was shown at second, and Chris, an at the initial sack. In the outfield Neft, Beard and Wallace were kept pretty well occupied.

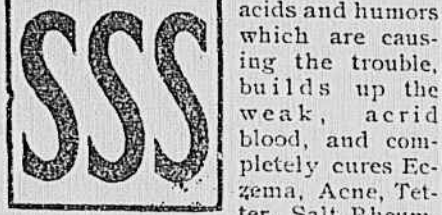
Timmer and Jones were in the box for the first team, and McIntyre and Roan donned the big mitt and mask. Taylor and Holcombe heaved them over, and Anderson and Lile were receiving for the second team. Anderson bids fair to make the varsity this year.

CAPTAIN GILL WORKING TO GET WINNING TEAM

The baseball squad of Richmond College was out again yesterday despite the cold wind which swept the campus and chilled the men's marrow. The hitting cages were up, and Captain Gill gave each of the players a lesson in hitting. Most of the men are fast runners, and Coach Long will take hold of a well developed crowd when he arrives about the 15th of the month.

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BOOKMAKING IS NOT FOR BASEBALL FOLK

Active Heads of Big Leagues Take Steps to Break Up Get-Rich-Quick Syndicate—Hooker, Gaston and Schrader Get Contracts From Danville on Last Day of Month.

BY GUS MALBERT.
Every single solitary soul in the United States should feel personal satisfaction over the prompt action which has been taken to put out of business the pool-making, get-rich-quick concern which had as its object making book on the result of the pennant races in the big leagues. There are some bets laid on the games. No one can control the crowds which go out to witness the contests, and individuals will at times show their patriotism by placing a few dollars on the outcome. But the fact that the game has been absolutely free from the gambling craze which has been taking place in the past few years, and that the public has become aware of some of the many recent years, in order that some certain clique might make a killing.

Hard to Throw Games.
As pointed out by President Lynch, of the National League, it would prove a mighty big assignment for anybody to attempt to purchase a game. In the first place, the game could not be just by any one man. If there was any fixing to be done at least four or five men would have to be on the deal. Considering the risk that these men would run, their price would certainly be high, and the man or men standing sponsor for the frames would be up against a mighty strong proposition.

It would also be essential that the manager of the team be one of the party, because if he was not he could easily spoil the splendidly laid plans of the promoters by yanking out any of the frames on the job. But the manager who would get so ill advised as to be a party to any such deal would be literally putting his head in the lion's mouth. He would be completely at the mercy of the players, and any one familiar with the game could count the days during which he would hold the managerial berth.

But, aside from all of this, baseball men are not free from the contaminating influences of the betting ring. The game is now clean. It must be kept so. Let the department of justice keep on the watch. It has started, so that the dreamers of untold wealth secured through taking advantage of a gambling, sports-loving public will be made to wake up.

Hooker Gets Belated Contract.
Ed Hooker, together with Schrader and Gaston, of the Danville team, has received a contract from the management of the club in the city on the 28th inst. The contract did not arrive until the very last day of the month. Hooker is a good ball player, and has several good offers. He had no particular objection to playing in Danville, but he didn't feel that he was being treated just right in not being advised what the club was going to do with him. In fact, he has been on the anxious bench.

Joe Laughlin waited until the very last moment to send back his contract, and when it did arrive, lo and behold, there was a hole cut in the salary specified through which one could drive a four-horse team. The question with Hooker now is whether the Danville club can hold him at the reduced figure and make him play. At any rate, he has returned his contract unsigned.

Such Action Looks Unfair.
If precedent counts for anything, then Hooker is a free agent, and Danville has a possible claim on him. Hooker obtained last year, or more, it would have been different, but if he is based on what I conceive to be common sense. Certainly the laws governing the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues are fair laws, as well as for the benefit of the leagues. A ruling from Secretary Farrell would prove interesting.

TEAM NOT PICKED FOR COLLEGE RELAY

Coach Hazaman of the Richmond College track team, but the team in good faith and in a place. The other two positions are being contested by Captain Taylor and Vaughn. A considerable improvement was made over the showing of Tuesday, when, for some reason or other, the boys failed to run up to form. The team will not be picked until this afternoon. Hazaman is anxious to defeat the Maryland Aggies at the college meet next Saturday, but he realizes that he has a hard proposition on his hands. The Aggies have not been defeated this year on the track.

Arrangements for the dual indoor meet to be conducted by the Blues and the shape. A meeting of the program committee will be held to-night for the purpose of talking over several details of the program. The program of the meet was printed in yesterday's Times-Dispatch, and presents an attractive array for lovers of this branch of athletics.

GOLD MINE WINS BY CLOSE MARGIN

De Soto Selling Stakes Is Feature of Day at Moncrief.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 1.—The De Soto selling stakes, for two-year-olds, was the feature of the day today. Gold Mine, second choice in the betting, won by a close margin from Duvall and Roscoe. The odds, however, were in favor of the latter. The third race, a good lot of distance runners, while Duvall won by a head after trailing the race for a long time, long as Ozana, the favorite, finished third, but was placed second on account of Aldrich's interference.

Favorite and second choices accounted for the majority of the races. Summaries:
First race—selling; four-year-olds and up; seven furlongs—Sia Fran (13 to 10), first, Grecian Bend (4 to 1) second, Howlet (2 to 1) third. Time, 1:20.
Americaner, Harvey F., Eastern Star, Helio, Highways, McLeod, Goldwick and Limpet ran.

Second race—purse, \$400; three-year-olds and up; one mile and a half—Spin (2 to 1) first, Yucca (6 to 1) second, Spin (2 to 1) third. Time, 1:05 2-5. Oakley, (2 to 1) first, Duvall (6 to 1) second, Gold Mine (2 to 1) third. Time, 1:24 1-2.

Third race—purse, \$600; three-year-olds and up; one mile and a half—White Wolf (6 to 1) first, Aldrich (9 to 10) second, Ozana (1 to 4) third. Time, 1:46 2-5. Loamance, Compton, Royal Report ran. Aldrich finished second, but was placed third for foul.

Fourth race—De Soto selling stakes; two-year-olds; four furlongs—Gold Mine (2 to 1) first, Duvall (6 to 1) second, Roscoe (7 to 1) third. Time, 1:14 1-2. Sparky, Walter Scott and Terrible Dan ran.

Fifth race—selling; three-year-olds and up; six furlongs—Sia Fran (13 to 10) first, Oakhurst (7 to 2) second, Sylvestris (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:13 1-2. Casque, Maudslayi, Royal Onyx, J. V. Narcoe, Jr., Wander, Herpes and Jolly ran.

Sixth race—selling; three-year-olds and up; one mile and a half—Abraxas (15 to 1) first, Abraxas (15 to 1) second, Agnar (6 to 1) third. Time, 1:47. Hooker, Gaston, Henry Hutchinson, Discontent, Orson ran.

TARHEELS AGAIN LOSE TO VIRGINIA

Game at Charlottesville Ends Basketball Season of Both Quints.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—Charlottesville, Va., March 1.—Virginia made it two straight from Carolina to-night by winning on the home floor, 25 to 18, in a game that started with Virginia's overconfidence, which caused it to lose, but a safe lead, acquired late in the first half, prevented the Carolina quint from coming back from having any effect. The game was characterized by poor playing on both sides. Virginia played its opponent many pounds to the man, with the exception of the visiting center, and had the throws been accurate its skillful passing down the floor would have made it more one-sided. It was the last game of the season for both teams.

Prell and Rixey played well for Virginia. The former making several pretty tosses and the latter throwing five goals from foul without a miss. Rixey, the visiting center, made, for Carolina, three all six goals for his team, and Rixey made four goals from foul in the first half, after which he missed the rest of the game. Rixey was on his feet, and prevented several scores.

When the second half began the score was 16 to 7 for Virginia. Carolina located the basket several times, but toward the end it became a rough and tumble game, and the game ended in this manner. Bertram and Rixey were the stars of the game for Virginia. Nat Carmel, the champion sprinter, covered the game, and the boxing match during the intermission.

Line-up:
Position. Carolina.
Rixey, right forward.....Tillett (Gill, Betts).
Keen, left forward.....Smith (Churchman).
Jones, center.....Ritch (Bertram, Gump).
Cecil, right guard.....Long (Driver).
Campbell, left guard.....Hanes.

Goals: Smith, 6; Rixey, 2; Churchman, 1; Jones, 1; Cecil, 3; Driver, 1; Campbell, 1. Goals from foul—Ritch, 1; Rixey, 5.

HARD WORK-OUT FOR TRACK SQUAD

Virginia Will Be Represented at Georgetown Meet by Nineteen Men.

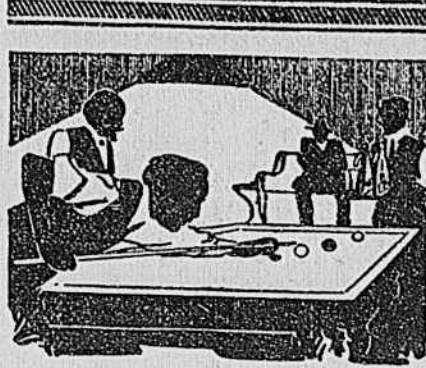
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)—Charlottesville, Va., March 1.—The nineteen members of Virginia's track squad entered in the Georgetown meet were given a hard workout yesterday, some time trials being taken. Brian Ham ran the half mile for a time trial, and Trainer Lannigan seemed pleased with the result. Brian finished in fifty-seven seconds flat and finished strong. Sloan also showed up unusually well in the half.

The relay team seems to lie between Todd, Berkeley, Boyle, C. Williams, Rumbough and Wallerstein. All of these men have been showing up strong, and it is very hard to pick four from the lot, as their time is so nearly the same. It seems to be a certainty, however, that Todd and Berkeley have been named above. Wallerstein has been in New York for the past few days, and that is the reason for his being slightly less than the others.

Wallerstein has been having a great deal of trouble with a bad foot for the last week, and has not been able to do any hard work. It was thought for a while that he had injured the bridge of his foot, but he has since developed a sprain, and he is now being treated in the infirmary. It has improved yesterday that he took a hard workout, and he is now able to stand the track that it had given him no trouble. He will do no hard work, however, between now and Saturday.

"Larry" Martin, captain of last year's track team, will not be able to run in knee. It is doubtful whether he will be able to get in any meet before the Pennsylvania-Dartmouth-Virginia meet in April.

One of the most exciting races of the evening is expected to be between Lee, of Hopkins, and Brigham, of Virginia. Last year, in the Virginia-Hopkins meet, Lee fairly walked away from a field of Virginia runners, but in the recent winter school meets he has not been able to win a first place from the Virginia runners. Both runners will be handicapped about the same, and the race should be very close.



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Otis Skinner's Brilliant Record.
Otis Skinner has given to the stage a notable series of character creations, each of which he has endowed with distinct individuality. When one stops to consider the contrasting types in Mr. Skinner's gallery of stage portraits, one cannot fail to be impressed with the versatility of this most accomplished artist. From the austere warrior, Lancelotti, in "Francesca da Rimini," to the jovial, care-free vagabond in "The Harvester," from the ascetic priest, Abba Daniel, in "The Duel," to the swaggering bully, Brian, in "The Honor of the Family," from the debonair Duc de Grammont to the heroic Denis Roulette, in "Sire," masquerading as the lost Dauphin—these transformations in characterization would tax the resources of the greatest and most versatile of actors.

Otis Skinner, who has achieved his commanding position on the American stage by hard and conscientious endeavor, one cannot fail to be impressed with the smallest details of personality and temperament. Otis Skinner is a stage creator in the highest sense of the word. He has recently enhanced his original group of portraits by another new type in his latest New York and Paris success, the role of Jeanie Roubette, the amputee, in "Sire." This play Mr. Skinner will present at the Academy to-morrow and Saturday and Sunday matinee.

Will Have Good Audience.
Interest in the local appearance of the famous operatic stars, Bessie Abbott and David Bispham, has increased to such an extent that it is no longer a conclusion that these celebrities will send a throng of their admirers to the Academy on next Tuesday night.

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Now listen, Mabel, Elizabeth City is in North Carolina. It is entirely surrounded by land, excepting where there is water. No, it will not be in the Tidewater League.

Baker did not show up yesterday. He was probably not the probably be in today.

The weather was still too cold yesterday for anybody to do much work.

Most of the boys were out, jogging around and otherwise getting some exercise.

Sullivan had on his uniform and a smile. Still waiting the return of a few con-

MEAT PACKERS CONQUER ALCOS

Men Fail to Bowl Up to Form, Captain Curry Getting Smallest String Yet.

Captain Gallagher and his Alco team lost the series of games played on the Newport Alleys last night to the Meat Packers, despite the good work of O'Brien and Midget, both of whom put up good scores. All three games were close, and the men from the Locomotive Works improved as the contest progressed, winning the last game handily. Jennings, of the Meat Packers, captured both high individual and high total scores. Following will be found the score and standing of the teams:

American Locomotive Works.	2.	Total.
Gallagher, (Capt.)	153	170
Glaze	115	116
Jennings	145	162
Midget	173	161
O'Brien	161	174
	746	778
Meat Packers.	1.	3.
Curry (capt.)	116	142
Jennings	210	181
Sheridan	138	180
Gunn	140	165
Bell	174	176
	778	735
Umpires—Dyer and Blunt. Score—		
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Clubs.	Played.	Won.
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Tuesday night, the 7th, and the Greens and Comets on Saturday, the 11th.

The Rushers defeated the Busters in the Indoor Baseball League game last night 8 to 6.

Baur tossed up a few, getting his arm in condition. If that boy is in anything like the form he is capable of developing he will make a good man for the locals.

Dutch came out for a few minutes dressed up in an overcoat. He wanted a uniform to use on his training trip.

Remember that Wallace still belongs to the Richmond team.

All of the managers all over the circuit are hustling now. Time is getting short and reporting days are near.

Babb will get to Norfolk this week. Baur expects to be in Petersburg about the 10th. Laughlin will arrive at Danville about the same time, while Stockdale is already in Lynchburg, and Shaugnessy lives in Roanoke.

On Friday night in New York should occur one of the best ten-round fights in many days, when Ad. Wolcott and K. O. Brown get together. Wolcott says that he is going after Brown in whirlwind fashion, and Brown says that he is ready for any kind of a pace which the Westerner may set.

Wolcott has also agreed to take on One-Round Brown provided he wins Brown.

The schedule for the Richmond Amateur League is now complete, and a meeting of the committee on by-laws and constitution will be held this week, after which the board of directors will convene to look over the work of the committee.

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